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## Banks.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL \$1,000,000  
RESERVE FUNDS \$1,000,000  
Sterling \$1,500,000 at 1% \$15,000,000  
Silver \$15,000,000 \$10,000,000

RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROP. \$1,000,000

GOUR OF DIRECTORS:  
G. Balloch, Esq.—Chairman.  
Robert Shewan, Esq.—Deputy Chairman.  
F. H. Armstrong, Esq.  
J. W. Bandow, Esq.  
Hon. Mr. Henry Wick.  
G. R. Leesemann, Esq.

CHIEF MANAGER:  
Hongkong—J. R. M. SMITH.  
MANAGER:  
Shanghai—H. E. R. HUNTER.  
London—BANKERS—LONDON COUNTY AND WESTMINSTER BANK, LIMITED.

HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED:  
On Current Account at the rate of 2 per cent.  
per Annum on the daily balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS:  
For 3 months, 2% per cent. per Annum.  
For 6 months, 3% per cent. per Annum.  
For 12 months, 4% per cent. per Annum.  
J. R. M. SMITH,  
Chief Manager.  
Hongkong, 7th May, 1910. [50]

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER, 1851;  
HEAD OFFICE—LONDON.

PAID-UP CAPITAL \$1,000,000  
RESERVE FUND \$1,000,000  
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS \$1,000,000

INTEREST ALLOWED on CURRENT ACCOUNT at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.  
On Fixed Deposits for 12 months, 4% per cent.

WM. DICKSON,  
Manager.  
Hongkong, 26th April, 1910. [51]

YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK LIMITED.

CAPITAL PAID-UP \$10,000,000  
RESERVE FUNDS \$10,000,000

Head Office—YOKOHAMA.

Branches and Agencies:  
TOKIO, HANKOW, TIENTSIN, PEKIN,  
KOBZ, NEWCHWANG, DALNY,  
OSAKA, NAGASAKI, LYONS, PORT ARTHUR,  
LONDON, SAN FRANCISCO, HONOLULU, TIE-LING,  
NEW YORK, BOMBAY, CHANG-CHUN.

HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED:  
On Current Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per Annum on the daily balance.

On Fixed Deposit:  
For 12 months 2% per cent.  
" 6 " 3% per cent.  
" 3 " 4% per cent.

TAKAO TAKAMIGI,  
Manager.  
Hongkong, 12th March, 1910. [52]

DEUTSCH ASIATISCHE BANK.  
CAPITAL FULLY PAID-UP Sh. Taels 7,500,000

HEAD OFFICE—SHANGHAI.  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS: BERLIN.

BRANCHES:  
Berlin, Calcutta, Hamburg, Hankow,  
Kobe, Peking, Singapore, Tientsin,  
Tsinan, Tsinan, Yokohama

FOUNDED BY THE FOLLOWING BANKS AND BANKERS:

Königliche Seehandlung (Preussische Staatsbank) Berlin.

Direktion der Disconto-Gesellschaft Berlin.

S. Bleichroeder Berliner Handels-Gesellschaft Berlin.

Bank für Handel und Industrie Berlin.

Robert Wirschafer & Co.

M. A. von Rothschild & Sons Frankfurt.

Jacob S. H. Simon Hamburg.

Norddeutsche Bank in Hamburg.

Sal Oppenheim Jr. & Co., Koslitz.

Bayernische Hypotheken und Wochselbank, Münchener.

LONDON BANKERS:  
Moss, N. M. ROYTHORN & SONS.

THE UNION OF LONDON AND SMITH'S BANK, LIMITED.

DEUTSCHE BANK (BERLIN), LONDON AGENCY.

DIREKTION DER DISCONTOGESSELLSCHAFT.

INTEREST allowed on Current Account.

DEPOSITS received on terms which may be

laid down on application. Every description of

Banking and Exchange business transacted.

J. SKULLMANN, Acting Manager.

Hongkong, 2nd March, 1910. [53]

## Banks

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE Business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be obtained on application.

INTEREST on deposits allowed at 2% per cent. per annum.

Depositors may transfer at their option balances of \$100 or more to the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK to be placed on FIXED DEPOSIT at 4% per cent. per annum.

For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,  
J. R. M. SMITH,  
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 12th January, 1910. [54]

INTERNATIONAL BANKING CORPORATION.

CAPITAL PAID-UP \$1,500,000  
ABOUT MAX \$2,500,000  
RESERVE FUND \$1,500,000  
ABOUT MAX \$2,500,000

HEAD OFFICE,  
60 WALL STREET, NEW YORK

London Office:  
THREADDENE HOUSE, E.C.

LONDON BANKERS:  
BANK OF ENGLAND.

NATIONAL PROVINCIAL BANK OF ENGLAND, LIMITED.

THE CAPITAL AND COUNTING BANK, LTD.

BRANCHES AND AGENTS ALL OVER THE WORLD.

THE Corporation transacts every Description of Banking and Exchange Business. Receives Money in Deposit Account at the rate of 2% per cent. on daily balance and on Capital Fixed Deposits at the following rates:  
For 12 months 4% per cent. per annum.

No. 9, Queen's Road Central,  
Hongkong.

N. S. MARSHALL,  
Manager.

Hongkong, 30th April, 1910. [55]

INSURANCE

CHINA MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE CO., LTD., OF SHANGHAI.

DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS:

Alexander McLeod, Esq., Chairman.

G. Stepanius, Esq.

Lee Yung So, Esq.

J. H. McMichael, Esq.

G. R. Burkhill, Esq.

J. A. Wattie, Esq., Manager Director.

A. J. Hughes, Esq., Secretary.

S. B. Nall, F.I.A., Actuary

A STRONG British Corporation Registered under Hongkong Ordinances and under Life Assurance Companies' Act, England. Insurance in Force \$34,054,152.00 Assets 7,114,400.08 Income for Year 3,073,834.81 Total Return to Policyholders 7,885,852.53

LEFFERTS KNOX, Esq., Hongkong,  
District Manager, Canton, Macao and the  
District Secretary, Philippines.

ALEXANDRA BUILDING, HONGKONG.

Hongkong, 1st December, 1909. [56]

PEAK TRAMWAYS COMPANY LIMITED.

TIME TABLE

WEEK DAYS

7.00 a.m. to 9.00 a.m. Every 15 minutes.

9.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. Every 15 minutes.

11.30 a.m. to 12.45 p.m. Every 15 minutes.

12.45 p.m. to 1.15 p.m. Every 15 minutes.

1.15 p.m. to 2.15 p.m. Every 15 minutes.

2.15 p.m. to 3.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes.

3.30 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes.

5.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes.

NIGHT CARS

8.45 p.m. and 9 p.m., 9.45 p.m. to 11.45 p.m.

Every half hour.

SUNDAYS

8.00 a.m. to 9.00 a.m. Every 15 minutes.

9.00 a.m. to 9.30 a.m. Every 30 minutes.

9.30 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. Every 15 minutes.

10.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. Every 15 minutes.

11.45 a.m. to 12.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes.

12.00 Noon to 1.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes.

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## Intimation.

## Notices of Firms.

## NOTICE.

WE have this day established our Hongkong Branch, with offices in the Hongkong Hotel Building, Des Voeux Road, and have admitted as a partner to this said Branch Mr. DENIS EWART DONNELLY, under whose management the business will be conducted.

GARNER, QUELCH & CO.,  
Wholesale Wine Merchants.  
Hongkong, 7th May, 1910.

## NOTICE.

THE UNDERSIGNED are GENERAL REPRESENTATIVES throughout the FAR EAST for the following firms—

Ackerman-Laurance (Estbd. 1811) Charn-  
paine Shippers, St. Hilaire-St. Florent,  
France.

James Buchanan & Co., Ltd. Scotch Whisky  
Distillers, London & Glasgow.

Cudliffe, Dobson & Co. (Estbd. 1804) Claret  
Shippers, Bordeaux.

Denis, Mounie & Co., (Estbd. 1838) Cognac  
Shippers, Cognac.

Edgell & Hutchinson, Wine Shippers,  
London.

Foster & Sons, Ltd. (Estbd. 1819) Beer &  
Stout Bottlers, London.

Hunt, Ropes, Teage & Co., (Estbd. previous  
to 1735) Port Shippers, Oporto &  
London.

Humphrey, Taylor & Co., (Estbd. 1770)  
Liqueur Distillers, London.

Marlin & Rossi, (Largest Vermouth Manu-  
facturers in the World) Turin.

Meun's Brewery Co., Ltd. (Estbd. 1764) Beer  
& Stout Brewers, London.

Tatqueray, Gordon & Co. (Estbd. 1769)  
Gin Distillers, London.

GARNER, QUELCH & CO.,  
Wholesale Wine Merchants.

Hongkong, 7th May, 1910. 1357

## NOTICE.

IN connection with the above advertise-  
ments we have this day appointed Messrs.  
LANE, CRAWFORD & CO., Retail Agents  
for the sale of the above WINES and  
SPIRITS, to whom all enquiries should be  
addressed.

GARNER, QUELCH & CO.,  
Wholesale Wine Merchants.  
Hongkong, 7th May, 1910. 1363

## NOTICE.

HAVING this day been appointed by  
Messrs. GARNER, QUELCH & CO.,  
Retail Agents for the sale of the above WINES  
and SPIRITS we are prepared to supply same  
at reasonable prices. Every article mentioned  
on our Wine and Spirit Pricelist, which will be  
supplied on application, is BOTTLED IN  
EUROPE by the Shipper.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.,  
Hongkong, 7th May, 1910. 1361

## NOTICE.

CHINA COMMERCIAL TRADING  
COMPANY, Merchants and Commiss-  
ion Agents, have this day been established at  
No. 33, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, and  
Floor.

Dated the 3rd May, 1910.

LO YUK KEE,  
Manager.

THE STAR FERRY CO. LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the  
TWELFTH ANNUAL ORDINARY  
MEETING of this Company will be held at  
the Offices of Messrs. Gibb, Livingston & Co.,  
on SATURDAY, 21st May, 1910, at 12.15 p.m.,  
for the purpose of receiving the Report of the  
Directors, together with a Statement of Ac-  
count to 30th April, 1910.

THE REGISTER OF SHARES will be  
CLOSED from MONDAY, 16th Inst., to  
SATURDAY, 21st Inst., both days inclusive.

EDWARD OSBORNE,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, 16th May, 1910. 1373

## NOTICE.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY,  
LIMITED.

## PORTLAND CEMENT.

In Casks of 375 lbs. net \$5.50 per Cask  
ex Factory.

In Bags of 250 lbs. net \$4.45 per Bag  
ex Factory.

SHEWAN TOWES & CO.,  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, 15th August, 1908.

## NOTICE.

A SMART AND USEFUL  
HAT.

“PIGSTICKER”

in Khalet Siles Alpaca.

A reliable helmet for

those continually ex-  
posed to the sun.

BEST QUALITY  
GOODS ONLY.

W.M. POWELL,  
LTD.

28, Queen's Road.

Hongkong, 9th May, 1910.

## NOTICE.

Samples on application.

Coast Port Orders carefully  
checked.

Hongkong, 9th September, 1909.

## NOTICE.

TABLE LINENS, SERVIETTES and  
HOUSEHOLD LINENS.

## NOTICE.

Cook: Hullo, how are you?

Cook: (with an oath) Why, I've laid in

hospital two days on purpose to avoid you!

During his long and interesting career, Mr.

Cook has proved over 1,500 convictions, and

his memory for faces has never, once been at

sight; nor has his word ever been disputed.

HOW CONDEMNED MEN FACE  
DEATH.

## PRISON MEMORIES OF A FAMOUS WARDER.

Hoary ticket-o'-leave men now leading better  
lives in various quiet retreats in sylvan or sub-  
urban England will have lively and sometimes  
fearful recollections of Mr. Frederick Cook,  
who has just said 'good-bye' to his friends and  
acquaintances at Brixton Prison, where, since  
the demolition of old Newgate, he has been  
principal warden. In that capacity at Clerken-  
well, Brixton, Newgate, and elsewhere he has  
seen 32 years' continuous service.

This week Mr. Cook retires into private life  
at Norbury, with the unusual distinction of  
having had a wider acquaintance with criminals  
of all kinds than any other man. And,  
mainly, this acquaintanceship has been of a  
real friendly nature.

A warden, says Mr. Cook, with a grim smile,  
makes strange friends, and their memory lasts  
long after they have—well, dropped out! Be-  
fore sunrise on the last morning even murderers  
become human, and are apt to slip into the  
confidential phase. The chaplain is not the  
only father confessor as the grimbo approaches.

Mr. Cook began his experiences of life as a  
soldier. He joined the Lincolns in 1870, and  
saw foreign service in China and Japan, com-  
ing home with a medal for solid work in the  
Perak Expedition. Eight years later he began  
the career as a warden at the old House of Det-  
ention in Clerkenwell.

## MEMORIES OF CHARLES PEACE.

At Clerkenwell he first met Charles Peace,  
the prince of cracksmen. "A quite little chap,  
with a bulgy, brainy head and very cunning  
eyes" is Mr. Cook's recollection of him.

"Well," said I, "you are a queer-looking old  
stick."

"Well," said he, "permit me to say that you  
are a queer-looking young twig also. What  
are you staring at?"

"To remember your face in case you wriggle  
out of this business" said I, taking careful stock  
of the little man. "I fancy I shall be able to  
pick you out of a crowd at any time—any-  
where!"

Right up to the time of his hanging Mr.  
Peace conducted himself as a gentleman should.  
He was very quiet and very reserved, and  
never gave any trouble. Prince of burglars,  
he was prince of prisoners to the end, and died  
game, "but very pale."

Another subject of Mr. Cook's was Orrock  
who, in spite of the fact of his pastoral up-  
bringing as a Sunday-school teacher, brought  
his own life to a premature end by so far for-  
getting himself as to murder a policeman most  
callously at Dalton.

There was something of the refinement and  
delicacy of Eugene Aram in the composition  
of the pious Mr. Orrock, though he lacked the  
literary touch and the eloquence of the notorious  
user of Lyan, whose elaborate and closely-  
reasoned defence in the dock is still treasured  
in Mr. Cook's criminal library at Norbury.  
Eugene Aram was indeed a gentleman that  
every chief warden would have been glad to  
know and have a crack with in the cells!

## OTHER CONDEMNED MEN.

On his long journey to the other world "Dr."  
Neill Crem, the prisoner of Stamford st.,  
passed through the sympathetic hands of Mr.  
Cook, who also assisted at the execution of  
O'Donnell, the Fenian, for the murder of Carey  
on the high seas. O'Donnell died game in the  
fashions of Sidney Carton and the Smithfield  
martyrs without a quiver and full of pluck.

Though Mr. Cook was not present at the  
great fight in the dock between Millson and  
Flower, the Muswell-hill murderers, he was on  
the scaffold when they were switched off to an-  
other sphere and when one of the hangmen fell  
down the trap, and in falling grabbed hold of  
the legs of Millson—a dreadful nerve-shatter-  
ing experience, even to a warden.

But of all the men in his grim catalogue of  
acquaintances, the most miserable, the most  
despicable was Chapman, the Borough prisoner  
who administered antimony in small doses to  
his pretty barmaid, Maude Marsh, and took a  
fleisch pleasure in watching her die, day after  
day and week after week.

Never was murderer more justly sentenced,  
and never did a man display such abject coward-  
ice as this Polish cur on the day of his  
sentence and the morrow of his doom. He died  
as he lived—an ardent coward.

## DREADED BY DELINQUENTS.

The lighter side of Mr. Cook's experiences  
may be illustrated by an incident at a fashion-  
able garden party at Warwick Castle. Here a  
very smartly dressed gentleman was suspected  
of picking' pockets and arrested. His own  
pockets were bulging with the purse of his  
victims. In vain he protested that he was "a  
member of the committee". He was detained  
and his photograph sent to London and shown  
to Mr. Cook, who once identified him as an  
old and cunning thief with headquarters in the  
East-end.

"There's a gentleman named Mr. Cook in  
London who knows you," said the chief consta-  
ble of Warwick to his spruce charge.

"Well then if that's the case, and if Mr.  
Cook is Warden Cook," said the prisoner with  
a sigh, "I'll give up the ghost!" And he did.

Another instance of the universal dread in  
which Mr. Cook was held by criminals is re-  
called from the days when it was the practice  
of detectives to visit Holloway Gaol for the  
identification of criminals wanted for still fur-  
ther offences. One of the criminals, who turned  
out to be an old hand, had a habit of falling  
sick on the days appointed for the visits. Mr.  
Cook turned up, quite unexpectedly, one day,  
however, and thus threw him out in his cal-  
culations. Their encounter is best described  
in the short dialogue that ensued:

Cook: Hullo, how are you?

Cook: (with an oath) Why, I've laid in  
hospital two days on purpose to avoid you!

During his long and interesting career, Mr.  
Cook has proved over 1,500 convictions, and

his memory for faces has never, once been at

sight; nor has his word ever been disputed.

## Intimations.

## A SILLY SAYING.

"It is a common but silly opinion prevailing  
among a certain class of people that the worse  
a remedy tastes, smells or hurts the more  
efficacious it is." So says a well-known Eng-  
lish physician. He further adds: "For  
example, let us consider cod liver oil. As it is  
extracted from the fish this oil is so offensive  
to the taste and smell that almost everybody  
aborts it, and many cannot use it at all, no  
matter how badly they need it. Yet cod liver  
oil is one of the most valuable drugs in the  
world, and it is the greatest pity that we have  
not thus far been able to free it from those  
peculiarities which so seriously interfere with  
its usefulness." This was written years ago; how-  
ever has since been triumphantly accom-  
plished, and as a leading ingredient in the  
remedy called

## WAMPOL'S PREPARATION

the oil retains all its wonderful curative proper-  
ties with no bad smell or taste whatever. It  
is palatable as honey and contains all the  
nutritive and curative properties of Pure Cod  
Liver Oil, extracted by us from fresh cod  
livers, combined with the Compound Syrup of  
Hypophosphites and Extracts of Malt and  
Wild Cherry; creating a medicine of unequalled  
power for the diseases most prevalent and fatal  
among men, women and children. There is  
no other remedy to compare with it. It in-  
creases the digestive power of the stomach and  
in Blood Impurities, Weakness, Loss of Flesh,  
Throat and Lung Troubles, Nervous Dys-  
pepsia, Scrofulous Affections, Thirstiness and  
Slow Development in the young, it gives quick  
and certain relief and cure. Dr. G. C. Shannon,  
of Canada, says: "I shall continue its use with,  
I am sure, great advantage to my patients and  
satisfaction to myself." Has all the virtues of  
cod liver oil; none of its faults. You may  
trust it fully; it cannot disappoint or fail. One  
bottle convinces. Sold by all chemists.

## NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

WE have this day REMOVED our  
OFFICES to 5, QUEEN'S BUILD-  
INGS, Queen's Road, hitherto occupied by the  
National Bank of China.

E. S. KADOORIE & CO.  
Hongkong, 14th May, 1910. 1372

## “SOLIGNUM.”

A PERFECT preservative stain for Wood  
Stone, and Brickwork.

It protects against Decay, Fungus, Dry  
rot, the Ravages of Insects and Vermin  
(especially the white ant) and the action of the  
weather.

“Solignum” really does what is claimed  
for it, as may be seen from the testi-  
monials of the Governments of India, the  
Sudan, &c.

## in Drums and Barrels of various colours.

Prospectus and all further information  
from

SIEMSEN & CO.,  
(Machinery Dept.) Hongkong,  
Sales Agents.

Hongkong, 7th December, 1909. 142

## FURNITURE WAREHOUSE.

LI KWONG LOONG & CO.,  
CABINET-MAKERS AND ART DECORATORS,  
from Shanghai, has re-opened their  
FURNITURE STORE

at  
No. 39, DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL.  
The only shop in Hongkong with this name

WHERE HIGH-CLASS FURNITURE  
of every description can be made to  
order in any design required.

Have been patronised by the Hongkong  
Club, Hongkong Hotel, Telegraph Co.,  
Messrs. A. S. Watson & Co., Firms and other  
leading establishments in the Colony, to  
whom reference can be made as to the  
Superior Workmanship and Materials of the  
Furniture, &c., supplied.

Messrs. A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd., write as  
follows—

"We have pleasure in stating that Mr. Li  
KWONG LOONG furnished the Annex  
to our Dispensary and gave us every satis-  
faction."

## Intimation.

A. S. WATSON & CO.,  
LIMITED.

ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

MANUFACTURERS OF  
HIGH CLASS  
AERATED  
WATERS.

## THIS SEASON'S PRICES :

	PER DOZ.
Soda Water	50 Cents.
Soda Water (Bombay bottles)	60 "
Poissab, Seltzer & B. P. Soda	60 "
Lemonade	65 "
Tonic Water	75 "
Lithia Water	75 "
Ginger Ale	75 "
Sarsaparilla	75 "
Orange Champagne	75 "
Lemon Squash	75 "
Raspberryade	75 "

## SPECIALTIES :

Stone Ginger Beer	85 Cents.
Dry Ginger Ale, Pints 5/-; Splits 6/-	"
Lime Fruit Churn	"

Bottles will be charged for at the rate of \$1.20 per dozen, and credited to full on being returned in good condition.

A. S. WATSON & CO.,  
LIMITED,

HONGKONG and KOWLOON.

Honkong, 30th April, 1910.

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## NOTICE

All communications intended for publication in "THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" should be addressed to The Editor, 1, Ice House Road, and should be accompanied by the Writer's Name and Address.

Ordinary business communications should be addressed to The Manager.

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Single Copy, Daily, ten cents. Weekly, twenty-five cents (for cash only).

## MARRIAGE.

On May 12, 1910, at Shanghai, Charles Gordon Kirk to Phoebe Macdonald, only daughter of A. G. E. Leppere of Shanghai, late of Yokohama.

## DEATHS.

On the 13th May, at the Government Civil Hospital, Hongkong, ANDREW CRANE, of Methilwell, Scotland, late Master of the s.s. *Hing Lee*. Aged 49.

Singapore and Manila papers please copy.

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On May 12, 1910, at Shanghai, Eleanor Rogers, the beloved wife of James Shaw Rogers, aged 32 years.

On May 12, 1910, at Shanghai, Maria Louise, beloved wife of the Rev. Walter Robbins, C.M.S., Ningpo.

The Hongkong Telegraph  
HONGKONG, TUESDAY, MAY 17, 1910.  
"ENGLAND SOBER"

Statistics, they say, may be made to prove anything. With a little skilful juggling Mr. B can make a table of figures prove or appear to prove the exact opposite of what Mr. A makes them out to prove. Many facts are needed to be known, understood and carefully considered with relation to each other and to the figures given before any conclusion may justly be arrived at concerning the real meaning of the past history and present

and future effect of those figures. We have heard a radical Cabinet Minister defend his Government's starvation of the Navy, by adducing statistics which, according to him triumphantly proved that the British Navy was three times stronger than it had any business to be. Patriotic opponents of that Minister would have liked to have him beheaded on Tower Hill for high treason, for on examination they alleged that they discovered proof from those same figures that the British Navy was only one-third of its proper strength and about half that which even the radical admitted was necessary for safety. When therefore we read that during last year the total expenditure on alcoholic liquors had decreased by nearly five million nine hundred thousand pounds as compared with 1908, we are seriously puzzled as to what we ought to think. At first sight, the alluring conclusion presents itself that England is at last getting sober, and that without any more marked interference with personal liberty than we have become accustomed to under radical Government. Spirits alone declined in consumption by four million eight hundred thousand pounds. Now we know that this fall in the amount of our drink bill is not due to any fall in price (which, human nature being, what it is, might rather have operated the other way) for, if anything, prices were higher in 1909 than in 1908. It is difficult to resist the conclusion that as a fact a smaller quantity of alcohol was drunk. It is also very plain that the average drink bill per head of the population has diminished by three shillings and four pence farthing. We wish we had more figures and more facts provided us. For instance it would be very useful to know, by means of comparative tables whether convictions for drunkenness have proportionately decreased, as also all forms of crime which can be traced to liquor as the cause. We should also like to have statistics from infirmaries and hospitals as to diseases and deaths caused by drink during the years under notice. Valuable information could be given by various temperance societies, the Good Templars, the League of the Cross, and others. We are not greatly concerned at the alleged loss to the revenue caused by the diminished consumption of alcohol in Great Britain. That three shillings and four pence farthing saved per head will bring a return to the country in many ways. We object to committing robbery with violence upon the revenue. We object to force in this matter. It was Archishop Magee who said "he would rather see England free than England sober." And here it would seem we ought to explain what the pious and learned prelate meant, and what we mean when we agree with him. The principle of freedom is that there can be no temperance in the true sense except where a man is free to drink and he deliberately refuses to do so. Freedom is the power to do, not what other people think right, but what they think wrong, and true love of liberty is shown by that attitude of mind which will permit others to do that which one disapproves of, and has power to forbid. Mill wrote long ago that the worth of a State in the long run is the worth of the individuals composing it. If at it seems England is getting sober of herself and if her people will only save her freedom from the socialistic Jacobins who are assailing it, we shall have cause to rejoice indeed, for with freedom, and sobriety, and all the blessings they bring, we shall have no cause to fear for Britain's future and that of her children. But we must not begin to congratulate ourselves too soon! Our freedom is still in grievous danger and in face of these very insufficient statistics we are not at all sure that Great Britain is really sober yet.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

MAJOR G. Petersen, formerly Military Attaché to the British Legation in Peking, left Shanghai for the Capital.

THE Waiwupu has approached the Diplomatic Corps in Peking, concerning the curtailment of the period for the opium suppression, but no decision was arrived at.

Mr. Mourao arrived at Timor by the last Australian mail from Macao. That gentleman is visiting the island on behalf of a Portuguese syndicate at Shanghai formed for the planting of rubber.

THE Ministry of Finance has decided to institute a Government monopoly for salt in Kwangtung province, and with the tax collected to make up for the deficit of revenue caused by the abolition of the gambling tax.

THE Waiwupu has received a communication from the British Minister in Peking informing it that the British Government has dispatched a special delegate to China to study the conditions of opium prohibition.

Macao reparts that for the past fortnight not a single chest of raw opium has been imported into that Colony from Hongkong. The dead-lock is attributed to certain fiscal regulations recently introduced by the Macao Government which are considered vexatious by dealers in the drug.

THE Yokohama office of the C.P.R. Co. yesterday received a wireless message from the *Empress of Japan*, which left Vancouver on the evening of the 12th inst., to the effect that all was well on board and the Commander expects to reach Yokohama on the 18th inst. at 6 p.m. The steamer was 1,150 miles distant from Japan when the message was received.

It would appear that the Portuguese territory of Timor is being vigorously exploited for petroleum. There recently arrived from Singapore on his return trip Mr. Green who is interested in the oil springs of Pevalaca. Mr. Green is accompanied by two experts, and some Chinese. Mr. Trotton, on behalf of an Australian syndicate, has been boring in the petroleum fields of Vessoturo on the island.

TIMOR bids fair to become a rival of Hongkong in respect to its cattle trade. The firm of Vaz, Cyane and Duque, who are established on the island in connection with various commercial and agricultural pursuits, have acquired a large number of cattle which are shortly to be exported to Manly. Mr. Duque has left for the Philippines to charter a suitable steamer to transport the cattle to Manila.

## Pokfulam Reservoir.

## CONTAMINATION OF THE WATER SUPPLY.

## SPECIAL COMMITTEE'S DRASIC RECOMMENDATIONS.

The following report was considered at the meeting of the Sanitary Board this afternoon:

We visited the Pokfulam reservoir drainage area on the 2nd last, and inspected more particularly the Mount Austin nullah from Mount Lodge to the Peak Tramway station and from there to Pokfulam reservoir following the path leading from Victoria Gap to Pokfulam village.

2. We are satisfied that the house drainage in the above area is satisfactory and that impurities cannot, under normal conditions, find their way in Pokfulam, but that impurities deposited in the storm water drains on the Peak Road must find their way into the reservoir. (A plan of the sewers in the Pokfulam reservoir catchment is attached). Further, impurities arising from the traffic along the Peak Roads, Hartbeck Road and Pokfulam Path can also cause the contamination of the reservoir. The only evidence of impurities we could trace were in the neighbourhood of Mount Austin barracks and Craig Ryrie. Opposite the married quarters at Mount Austin some washing, apparently European clothing, was drying on the side of the water course, showing that washing had probably been done by the servants of the married N.C.O.s stationed at the barracks and the nullah. At the junction of the causeway running from Craig Ryrie to the Peak Road we found traces of excreta in the long grass and on the path leading to the military parade ground and a large quantity of building material apparently from the barracks and also some offensive garbage smelling somewhat like stable manure from the same place had been thrown about on an old building rubbish heap. Between the Peak Road and the stream opposite the barracks there was ample evidence of large quantities of building rubbish, bricks, tiles, plaster, etc., having been thrown down the hillside. The rubbish was only partly covered with grass. There was an offensive smell just at the junction of the Craig Ryrie causeway and the Peak Road. From Mount Austin down to Pokfulam we found no further traces of anything offensive.

3. As a result of our investigations, we are of opinion that this area can never be rendered safe from contamination and that the only remedy must be the eventual closing of the reservoir, as these streams cannot be cut off of the catchment area. Meanwhile we are satisfied that every precaution is being taken to prevent contamination as far as possible by means of special patrols provided by the P.W.D. and the Sanitary Department in addition to the ordinary Police patrol. We would suggest, however, that matters might be temporarily improved by (a) stricter supervision on the part of the M.A. in the neighbourhood of Mount Austin to prevent the washing of clothes in the Mount Austin stream adjoining the Peak Road, (b) the removal by the Military Authority of all building rubbish and other rubbish deposited alongside of the path leading from the causeway at Craig Ryrie to the parade ground, (c) the fencing in by a fence at least 6 feet high of the stretch of the Peak Road beginning at least 10 yards above the causeway leading to Craig Ryrie and running down the Peak Road to a point where the path is too high for persons to climb down on to the bank below with ease. Two gates, one giving access to Craig Ryrie and one to the military parade ground would have to be provided. A short stretch of the road near the Umbrella Sast just above the barracks should also be raised off, (d) two gratings over the tunnel under the Craig Ryrie causeway should be provided, one at either end, to prevent persons from entering the tunnel. We have evidence to show that this tunnel has in the past been used by members of the garrison for the purpose of bathing, (e) the training of the two streams which join at the Craig Ryrie causeway from their sources for a distance of at least 200 yards below the causeway to prevent access to these streams by unauthorized persons and also to prevent the breeding of mosquitoes.

4. In conclusion, we would urge that the construction of the low level reservoir at Tai Tam be pushed on as soon as possible, so that the use of Pokfulam reservoir may be dispensed with. We are of the opinion that no authority on sanitation could uphold forsooth the closing of a watershed (from which water for drinking purposes is collected) as ideal or under any other heading than dangerous, when the number of possible sources of contamination, the traffic and the number of houses on the area are taken into consideration. We are well aware that this scheme entails a large expenditure, as it will mean the provision of new filter beds at West Point and a new main to Pokfulam in addition to the cost of the new reservoir, but the danger of contamination of the water from Pokfulam reservoir due to the traffic on the roads mentioned, the possible leakage of sewerage from dwelling houses or the dumping of night soil in the storm water gullies, is such that this work should be put in hand at the earliest possible opportunity.

E. D. C. WOLFE,  
(Sd.) G. H. L. FITZWILLIAMS,  
E. A. HEWITT.

The Registrar-General minutes:—Are there no dangers to the water supply from other houses situated in the reservoir drainage area? The Director of Public Works:—I cannot recollect any instance in which the water from Pokfulam reservoir has come under suspicion, but the Government Analyst might be asked whether his records show any. There are powerful natural agencies at work in breaking up and destroying any foul matter which may find its way into the streams and their operation is favored by the conditions which exist in the Pokfulam watershed, namely, the roughness and steepness of the stream beds.

## FIRE AT MACAO.

## FORTY HOUSES DESTROYED.

It is reported in our Portuguese contemporary—*Vida Nova*—that on the afternoon of Saturday last a huge conflagration occurred on the river side, in the inner harbour of Macao, near the boat-building yard of Sakong. The fire destroyed about forty Chinese houses of the village type and over 160 mattocks, and a few junks that were under repair. No loss of lives is reported.

## AN ABSENT PLAINTIFF.

## SUMMARY COURT AMENITIES.

When a certain action was called in the Summary Court this morning, it was discovered that the plaintiff was not present in the Court-room. Mr. Gardner—My Lord, my client for some inexplicable reason is not here. Mr. Justice Hazel—Could you manage to get him here a few minutes? Mr. Gardner—I've sent for him. His Lordship—You can get to Wing Lok Street in a few minutes by ricksha. Mr. Gardner—Yes, my Lord. I didn't mean my client at my office. We expected to meet here. Will your Lordship adjourn the case for ten minutes?

His Lordship—Yes.

After about half-an-hour, the plaintiff and a number of witnesses appeared in the Court-room and the case was proceeded with.

## THE LATE KING EDWARD VII.

## THE LYING-IN-STATE.

London, May 12. The remains of King Edward VII are in the death chamber clad in the uniform of a Field Marshal. The body will be removed, to-night to the Throne Room for the private lying-in-state.

## MR. ROOSEVELT.

London, May 12. Mr. Theodore Roosevelt has accepted the appointment to attend the funeral of the late King Edward as Special Ambassador on behalf of the United States.

## A QUEENLY THOUGHT.

London, May 12. Queen Alexandra has ordered facsimiles of her letter to the nation to be sold and the proceeds to be devoted to charity.

## MOURNING SERVICES.

London, May 13. Mourning services in churches and synagogues throughout the country are being arranged for May 20.

## SYMPATHY FROM JAPAN.

Tokio, May 13. Telegrams from London state that King George V summoned Mr. Takami Kato, Japanese Ambassador to the Court of St. James', and asked him to convey promptly His Majesty's profound thanks for the touching sympathy of his ally the Emperor of Japan and of the Japanese people in general.—N. C. D. News.

## FORT ON CHINWANGTAO.

As an instance of the growing facilities now afforded to shippers at the Port of Chinwangtao, it may be interesting to note that the s.s. *Kaiping* and s.s. *Toba Maru*, a few days ago, loaded a total quantity of 4,380 tons coal in 16 hours or an average throughout the day of 270 tons hourly.

This constitutes a record at present for one day's work at Chinwangtao.

## ILLICIT CHANDU.

## GREAT FINDS ON THE "HONG-MOH."

Yesterday morning the Preventive Staff, under Mr. Howard made what is so far the record haul in contraband chandu, reports the *Singapore Free Press* of 13th inst. The officers in the course of their rounds visited the *Wes Bin* steamer *Hong Moh* which had come in from Amoy. A general search revealed nothing, but on getting down the engine rooms the crack pits were under some difficulties examined, with the result that a hollow steel cylinder, used as a spare oil tank, was found to contain 2,490 tablas of chandu valued at \$17,000 and 2,008 bottles of cocaine valued at \$17,500. In order to get at the stuff the men had to crawl through the bilges but it was a position which would seem to be a reasonable one for engineers to have searched in the ordinary course. The ship will probably be allowed to proceed on her voyage, but action will be taken against the master and owners later on. This is the record haul for the Straits and shows that the Preventive Staff is putting in some good work in preserving the revenue of the Colony.

## ZYI-HUOON WARNING.

The telegrams quoted below have been received from the Manila Observatory at the American Consulate General:

Manila, May 16th, noon.

Cyclone or Typhoon East of Northern Leson, more than 320 miles distant, moving W.N.W. or N.W.

Manila, May 17th, 1910, 11.30 a.m.

Cyclone or Typhoon S.E. of Naha, inclining northward.

An official report on rubber planting in Indo-China has just been returned at Saigon. It shows that this line of cultivation is of recent date there. The most advanced estate is that owned by M. Belland near the outskirts of Saigon. Tapping began in 1909 and yielded 3,000 kilogrammes (6,000 lbs.) of rubber which fetched 48,000 francs. There are no applications for this year's crop. Other estates include the rubber trees under cultivation in the colony are estimated at about one million. The rate of progress that by 1930, the colony will produce enough of plantation rubber to supply the demand of the mother country.

At the meeting thousands of people attached their signatures to a circular that they all agreed to the steps taken towards the welfare of the provincial representatives in demanding the Imperial Government to grant a constitution for China at an early date.

## UNITED SINGAPORE RUBBER ESTATES, LTD.

## EXTRAORDINARY MEETING.

An extraordinary general meeting of the shareholders of the United Singapore Rubber Estates, Limited, was held at Singapore on 18th inst. Dr. Lim Boon Keng presided and there were also present—the Hon. Tan Jiau Kim, Mrs. C. Bryan, Meers, Tan Chay Yan, Chou Giang Thye, Yow Ngan Pan, Lee Choo Guan, E. J. Robertson, Lim Neo Soon, Teo Choon Hian, Woon Teob Teong, A. D. Machado (manager), Sob Peng Lim (secretary), S. C. Yin, Yeo Ban Keng, Seah Eng Kiat, A. Desker, P. Duncin, Tan Jiau Ong, Tan Soo Jin, Lew Siew Jin, H. A. E. Thomson, Seow Poh Leng, Koh San Hin, Ong Soon Tee, Tan Boo Liat, Teo Choon Yean, and others.

The minutes of the last extraordinary meeting were read and confirmed.

The Chairman explained that it was awkward to work the Company under the conditions of Schedule A. of the Companies' Ordinance, which stated that twenty shareholders had to be present at a meeting. Even when a bonus was to be paid out, the Directors found it very difficult to carry out the conditions.

Mr. Choa Giang Thye proposed:

"That as from the date of the confirmation of this resolution, the provisions of table A, contained in the first schedule to The Companies' Ordinance, 1899, shall not apply to this company, but that in lieu thereof the regulations contained in the printed document submitted to this meeting, and for the purpose of identification, subscribed by the Chairman and Secretary of the company, be and the same are hereby approved, and that the same be and they are hereby adopted as the regulations of the Company, to the exclusion of the provisions of the said table A."

Mr. Tan Chay Yan seconded.

The Chairman then asked if the amended articles of association were approved.

Mr. Teo Choon Yean said that in the prospectus it was clearly stated that the Directors were not to receive any remuneration until the Company was in a dividend paying state. He noticed that in the articles the Directors were to receive bonuses.

The Chairman said that the paying of Directors as mentioned in the articles provided for the future and not for the present. The Directors would draw no remuneration until a dividend was paid. They were now in view of a dividend and must be prepared.

Mr. Choon Yeo was continuing his opposition to the bonuses for Directors, when the Chairman requested him to put an amendment if he desired.

Mr. Soow Peng then moved that article 83 be deleted.

Mr. Choon Yeo seconded.

The Chairman said the Directors would leave the matter entirely with the shareholders. They were bound by the statement in the prospectus, but the shareholders had to consider whether they could get business men to give up their time for nothing. They only proposed \$1,000 for eight men. If the shareholders expected the Directors to work for them, they must give them some remuneration.

The Hon. Tan Jiau Kim said he was inclined to accept the amendment, but some arrangement had to be made to pay the Directors when dividends were paid. He was of opinion, however, that the Directors should not get anything until dividends were paid.

On being put to the vote, the amendment was carried by nine to four. Section 83 is to be deleted. The articles of association as amended were passed with no objections.

The Chairman said they would be put before a subsequent meeting for confirmation.

Dr. Lim Boon Keng said they had received 600,000 shares from the sale of the remittance property, and the directors wished to ascertain from the shareholders whether they would sanction that a certain position—100,000—be divided among the shareholders and the balance held in reserve, after deducting a certain amount as bonus for the Company's employees and the directors. It was proposed to divide 5,000 shares among the manager, assistants, secretary and the clerks in the office and 500,000 should be given out to the shareholders.

In reply to Mr. Robertson, the Chairman said they could only recognise shareholders whose names were in the books on the closing of the transfer book on the 1st.

Mr. W. H. Leng asked what the object was in keeping 95,000 shares in reserve. Why not issue them to the shareholders? They should not be locked up to serve no good purpose, 50,000 shares should be divided pro rata and none kept in reserve.

The Chairman explained this from the point of view of business. The Company would be much stronger in every way by having a large reserve and he need only apply to any man in business to say if that was not a good object. The time would come when these reserve shares would be very valuable. Some great change might come to the Company to buy other land and these reserved shares would be very useful. The shareholders would get back half the capital of the Company. The scheme was recommended entirely in the interest of the shareholders.

The Hon. Tan Jiau Kim thought that Mr. Poh Leng was labouring under a wrong impression. The Directors were entitled to a portion of the property. The Directors must have a free hand to convert the reserve shares into money whenever necessary. A large reserve would greatly benefit the Company. The reserve shares would be in the name of the Company.

It was decided that 50,000 shares be divided among the shareholders pro rata and that 500 be given as a bonus to the employees.

In reply to Mr. Duncin, the Chairman said the Company had a cash balance of \$1,000,000. Mr. Koh San Hin proposed that 10,000 shares should be given to the Directors as remuneration for their services.

Mr. H. A. E. Thomson seconded.

This was carried unanimously, the Directors not voting.

The Chairman mentioned that at the last meeting he stated that a syndicate had made a big offer to purchase their property. The Directors did not regret to say that the negotiations had failed through, principally from the cause of the slump having reached Shanghai before they had an offering of it in Singapore. They failed to say that they withdrew. The Directors were not sorry.

The meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the Chairman, Directors, Manager and Staff, Singapore Free Press.

## HALLEY'S COMET.

## MANILA'S NEWEST DISCOVERIES.

Photographic plates of Halley's comet taken at the Manila Observatory, under the direction of Rev. Jose Argue, have shown hitherto unnoticed modifications of the tail and nucleus of this heavenly visitor, reports the *Manila Times* of 12th inst. Tremendous spiral movements apparently caused by the violent action of gases working in the comet are the newest discoveries made by the Manila observers of the much dreaded comet.

This change in tail and nucleus is best shown by a photograph taken May 8 at 4 p.m. when the comet was in the neighbourhood of Omega in the Constellation of the Fishes. But the discovery is important only to the astronomer for it carries no message of fair.

The comet and the earth are now approaching each other at a speed that is incomprehensible to human imagination. But while the two bodies are approaching their paths are diverging daily. The earth crossed the path of the comet six days ago when that nebulous body was still uncounted millions of miles away. The impossibility of the deviation of either the earth or the comet from its path means that all danger of a collision with the nucleus of this heavenly visitor has passed.

Early risers can now see the comet in its full for the tail spreads over a space of 15 degrees, lighting up the darker heavens with a glow like that of millions of electric lights. Each morning sees an increase in its size, and brilliancy.

A week from to-day the comet will reach its nearest point to the earth, according to astronomers. On that day it will pass directly in front of the sun, its tail sweeping the outer atmosphere of the earth.

The exact physical phenomena to be expected on that day astronomers are unwilling to prophesy, but that they will be imperceptible to mankind; scientists are almost a unit in declaring. Only by the most delicate instruments will scientists be able to note the effect of the nearness of the comet.

The tail of the heavenly intruder will sweep through the earth's atmosphere, perhaps the whole of Thursday. But the most powerful telescopes of the world will not reveal a single glimpse of the gaseous particles that are its components. One scientist has estimated that these particles which extend over millions of miles of space could be easily packed into an ordinary dinner-pail.

Extensive preparations have been made by the scientists of the Manila Observatory to study the phenomena attendant upon the heliocentric conjunction of earth and comet on Thursday. It is hoped through the big telescope to gain a view of some of the particles that compose the nucleus as it passes over the face of the sun.

The extensive use of electricity in the city obliges the astronomers to leave it in order to make a study of electrical conditions during the hour in which the comet will pass between the earth and the sun.

A stone house on one of the hills of Antipolo has been fitted up with the necessary instruments, and the magnetic observations will be made there. The newly discovered spiral movements of the tail are believed to be caused by electric currents, and when this part of the comet brushes the earth, an electrical storm of considerable magnitude is almost sure to ensue. Its effect may be judged by the announcement that on September 26, Manila was visited by the worst magnetic storm of recent years, and no one outside of the observatory knew of it.

Spectroscopic experiments will be made in an effort to earn the exact chemical constitution of the comet's tail. If possible, local scientists will make an analysis of any new gas introduced into the earth's air by the arrival of the tail.

Photographs taken at the local observatory show that the tail has absolutely no effect in intercepting the light of stars which are behind it. It interferes only slightly with the vision of the naked eye.

After Thursday, the comet will be invisible in the early morning hours. In fact it is doubtful if the nucleus can be seen after Tuesday, when it rises at a few minutes after four. The tail, however, will be visible probably until Saturday.

About May 22, the comet will blaze out in the evening sky in increased brilliancy, to light up the early night hours until its final disappearance from human scope of vision in June. The best opportunity for viewing this apparition of the skies will be after May 26 when, before the rising of the moon, the comet will stretch its phantom shape over the western sky, occupying almost a third of the distance from the horizon to the zenith.

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"It is for fine electrical instruments, the events of the next two weeks will not be perceptible. It is ridiculous to presume that so unsubstantial a matter as that which composes the tail of the comet will affect the world in the least degree. Our only fear is that the phenomena will be of so slight a nature that our instruments will be unable to record them."

## WHEN HALLEY'S COMET MAY BE SEEN

Morning sky  
May 18-rises 4.52 a.m.  
May 19-rises 5.39 a.m.  
May 20-rises later than sun  
Evening sky  
May 20-sets 7.13 p.m.  
May 21-sets 7.13 p.m.  
May 22-sets 9.03 p.m.  
May 23-sets 9.42 p.m.  
May 24-sets 10.12 p.m.  
May 25-sets 10.32 p.m.  
May 26-sets 10.45 p.m.  
May 27-sets 10.55 p.m.

## THE FAR EAST IN PARLIAMENT

## RAILWAY CONCESSIONS IN CHINA.

In the House of Commons on the 25th ult., Earl Winterston (Sussex, Horsham, Opp.) asked the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs whether it was a fact that His Britannic Majesty's Government was a consulted and consenting party to the Anglo-German financial agreement of 1899, as included in the Blue-book, No. 1, of 1899; and whether the same financial agreement was formally and specifically recognised in the subsequent Anglo-Russian Convention which embodied the principle of spheres of influence regarding railway concessions in China.

Mr. McKinnon Wood (Glasgow, St. Rollox)—I have explained the nature of this agreement in my reply to a previous question by the noble lord on the 13th inst. His Majesty's Government were consulted and assented to the agreement between the two Governments. The answer to the second part of the question is in the negative.

Earl Winterston asked whether the Government were prepared to support the English group of financiers in China in getting the agreement carried out.

Mr. McKinnon Wood.—That depends on circumstances. It is not an agreement binding on the German Government.

## TRADE WITH JAPAN.

Mr. Hamilton Benn (Greenwich, Opp.) asked the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs whether his attention had been called to the systematic under-valuation of goods imported into Japan by which British traders were seriously prejudiced; and what steps he proposed to take to deal with the matter.

Mr. McKinnon Wood.—This question has been brought to my notice principally in connexion with the consumption tax on imported textiles, and His Majesty's Government some time ago invited the Japanese Government to consider whether they could not see their way to substitute specific consumption duties for duties on an *ad valorem* basis. At the time the Japanese Government were not prepared to adopt this suggestion; they, however, promised to consider it, and the matter will not be lost sight of. I understand that in the new Japanese Customs Tariff it is proposed in many cases to replace the existing *ad valorem* by specific duties.

Mr. Hamilton Benn asked the Under-Secretary whether his attention had been called to the new Japanese tariff which had passed the House of Representatives and would come into operation next year; and, seeing the prohibitive character of many of the new duties, especially affecting Lancashire and Yorkshire goods, what representations he proposed to make to secure fair treatment for British trade.

Mr. McKinnon Wood.—The answer to the first part of the question is in the affirmative. With regard to the second, it is not possible to say at present what representations it may be ultimately found necessary to address to the Japanese Government pending a consideration of the matter by the Board of Trade, who are in communication with the Chamber of Commerce on the subject, and will consult their Advisory Committee on Commercial Intelligence with regard to it when they learn the views of the Chambers.

Sir G. Parker (Gravesend, Opp.) asked whether the Board of Trade had taken into consideration the possibility of putting a tax upon cheap Japanese goods now imported into the Midlands and under-selling British goods?

Mr. McKinnon Wood replied that he was quite unable to state what view the Board of Trade might take in the matter.

An Hon. Member asked the Under-Secretary if he was aware that the public utterances of Japanese statesmen indicated that it was not necessary to negotiate questions affecting the proposed tariff with Great Britain as this country had nothing to offer in exchange for concessions.

Mr. McKinnon Wood.—I am quite unable to see how that arises out of the previous answer.

After Thursday it will probably not exceed 25 degrees in size, and toward the end of the month, it will begin to fade until its final disappearance in June. Each night its time of setting will be later.

Only one world astronomer has predicted a calamity for next Thursday—Camille Flammarion, the French scientist. He joins with the rest in scorning the idea of a collision between the earth and the comet, but he asserts that the gases of the tail, chiefly the poisonous cyanogen, will combine with those of the air to form laughing gas.

His prediction that the world would laugh itself to death has aroused a storm of derision throughout the world.

Speaking of yesterday, Father Argue, director of the Manila Observatory, said, "There is no slight danger of a world calamity."

## COMMERCIAL.

## TO-DAY'S RUBBER QUOTATIONS.

May 17th, 4.00 p.m.  
The following quotations for rubber shares, by wire, are supplied by Messrs. E. S. Kadourie & Co.,—

Allaars ..... 7/0  
Anglo-Javas ..... 7/0  
Anglo-Malays ..... 32/6  
Balgownies ..... 32/3  
Batu Tigas ..... 110/-  
Bentams ..... —  
Bukit Kajang ..... —  
Bukit Rajahs ..... —  
Carey Uniteds ..... 35/- prem.  
Castlefields ..... 130/-  
Chaukpat Serdangs ..... 320/-  
Cheras ..... 51/-  
Damansara ..... 185/-  
Eastern Internationals ..... 47/6 prem.  
Fed. Selangors ..... —  
Glenlays ..... 53 50/-  
Glenshields ..... —  
Golcondas ..... 145/-  
Golden Hoper ..... —  
Highlands and Lowlands ..... 157/6  
Indragiris ..... 540/-  
Inch Kenneths ..... —  
Jequies ..... —  
Jonglanders ..... —  
Kamuning ..... 11/- prem.  
Kuala Lumpur ..... 240/-  
Lanadrons (fully paid) ..... 105/- prem.  
Labus ..... —  
Leddubys ..... 110/-  
Lioggs ..... 65/6  
London Asiatics ..... 7 1/-  
London Ventures ..... 9/-  
Mellimus ..... —  
Pajams ..... 5 8/-  
Pegohs ..... 55/-  
Rubber Trusts ..... 70/- prem.  
Saggas ..... 310/-  
Sandycross ..... 540/-  
Sapongs ..... 41/-  
Seafields ..... —  
Sekongs ..... 40/- prem.  
Shelfords ..... 82/3  
Singapore & Johors ..... 522/-  
Sumatra Paras ..... —  
Sungei Choh ..... 110/-  
Sungei Kapars ..... 200/-  
Tandjungs ..... 55/- prem.  
Tangkahs ..... 30/- prem.  
Toeraggio ..... 7/6 prem.  
Olu Rantai ..... —  
United Serdangs ..... 140/-  
United Singapore ..... 53/- ex rights  
United Sumatras ..... 14/-  
United Langkats ..... —  
Pata Rubber ..... 11/- per lb.

## APRIL OUTPUT.

Messrs. J. A. Wattie & Co., the secretaries general managers of Kroekaw Java Plantations, Ltd., report that they are in receipt of telegraphic advices from the management in Java in respect to the output of rubber as follows:—"Production end of April 3,300 lb. May, June, estimate 3,300 lb."

Messrs. J. W. Gandy & Co., secretaries and managers of the Amherst Rubber Estates, Ltd., have received from the manager the following telegram:—"I have shipped 600 pounds Para very best quality." This is the first shipment since the company has been formed. The rubber from this estate, according to former telegrams, has always fetched top price.

## CAPT. D. M. HAY DROWNED.

It is with sincere regret that we have to record the death by drowning of Capt. David Marshall Hay, master of the P. & O. tender *Gulfstar* and one of the best known and most popular members of the shipping community, says the *N. D. C. News* of the 13th inst. It appears that on Wednesday night Capt. Hay visited a cinematograph entertainment, in company with some friends, and shortly after midnight took a ricksha to the Chaofung Road jetty. There he engaged a sampan to convey him to the tender *Gulfstar*, which was anchored on the Poutong side of the river. There was a very strong flood tide running at the time and on reaching the tender, the sampan-man had to turn his boat round to get alongside the gangway. The sampan struck hard against the tender, just as Captain Hay had put his hand on the gunwale of the tender and, almost immediately the sampan was capsized and the deceased and the sampan-man were thrown into the river. The crews of the tenders *Vulcan* and *Victoria*, which were anchored close by, heard cries for help and at once attempted to render assistance by throwing life-buoys out. The sampanman was rescued and taken on board the *Vulcan*, but nothing further was seen of Captain Hay and it is presumed that his body was carried underneath the lighters which were tied up alongside the tenders. Information was given at once to the River Police, who throughout yesterday morning made a diligent search for the body, but without success. The overturned sampan was found, wedged between the propeller-blades of the tender *Victoria* and the lighters.

The deceased had been in the service of the P. & O. Company

## Shipping—Steamers.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY CO.'S Royal Mail Steamship Line.  
"EXPRESS LINE."

Between China, Japan and Europe via Canada and the United States, calling at Hongkong, Shanghai, Nagasaki (through the Island Sea, of Japan), Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria and Vancouver B.C.

The only Line that maintains a Regular Schedule Service of 12 DAYS YOKOHAMA TO VANCOUVER. 21 DAYS HONGKONG TO VANCOUVER. SAVING 5 to 7 DAYS' OCEAN TRAVEL.

Proposed Sailings from Hongkong and St. John, N.B., &c. (Subject to alteration).

Connecting with Royal Mail Atlantic Steamers.

From Quebec.

"MONTEAGLE" TUESDAY, MAY 24TH.

"EMPEROR OF JAPAN" SATURDAY, JUNE 4TH.

"EMPEROR OF CHINA" SATURDAY, JUNE 25TH.

"EMPEROR OF INDIA" SATURDAY, JULY 16TH.

"MONTEAGLE" TUESDAY, AUGUST 16TH.

"EMPEROR OF JAPAN" SATURDAY, AUGUST 6TH.

"Empress" Steamers will depart from Hongkong at 6 p.m. "Monteagle" 12 noon.

Each Trans-Pacific "Empress" connects at Vancouver with a Special Mail Express Train and at St. John, N.B., or Quebec with Atlantic Mail Steamer as shown above. The "Empress of Britain" and "Empress of Ireland" are in sufficient vessels of 14,500 tons, Speed 20 Knots, and are regarded as second to none on the Atlantic. The "Empress" Steamers on the Pacific and on the Atlantic are equipped with the Marconi wireless apparatus.

Passengers booked to all the principal ports in Canada, the United States and Europe also Around the World.

HONGKONG TO LONDON, 1st Class, via Canadian Atlantic Port or New York (including Mail and Birth), Sleeping Car while crossing the American Continent by Canadian Pacific direct Line).

Passengers for Europe have the option of going forward by any Trans-Atlantic Line either from Canadian Ports or from New York or Boston.

SPECIAL THROUGH RATES—Special rates (First Class only) are granted to Missionaries, Members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic, and Consular Services, European Civil Services Officials located in Asia, and to European Officials in the service of the Governments of China and Japan, and the families.

Through Passengers are allowed Stop over privileges at the various points of interest en route.

R.M.S. "MONTEAGLE" carries only "One Class" of Saloon Passengers (termed Intermediate) the accommodation and commissariat being excellent in every way.

HONGKONG TO LONDON, Intermediate on Steamers and 1st Class in Canadian and American Railways.

Via Canadian Atlantic Port ..... 145.

Via New York ..... 145.

For further information, Maps, Guide Books, Rates of Passage and Freight, apply to D. W. GRADDOCK, General Traffic Agent, Corner Pedder Street and Praya (opposite Blake Pier).

## INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

For	Steamship	On
SHANGHAI, KOBE & MOJI	KUTSANG	TUESDAY, 17th May, 5 P.M.
SHANGHAI, AMARA	CHOVANG	WED'DAY, 18th May, Noon.
SAMARANG & SURABAYA	AMARA	WED'DAY, 18th May, Noon.
TIENTSIN	CHIPIHNG	WED'DAY, 18th May, 4 P.M.
SGAPORKE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	NAHSANG	THURSDAY, 19th May, Noon.
MANILA	YUENSANG	THURSDAY, 19th May, 4 P.M.
MANILA	LOONGSANG	FRIDAY, 20th May, 4 P.M.

RETURN TOURS TO JAPAN (OCCUPYING 14 DAYS).

The steamer *Kutshing*, *Nansang* and *Hokkaido* leave about every 3 weeks for Shanghai and return via Kobe (Island Sea) and Moji to Hongkong.

These vessels have all modern improvements and are fitted throughout with Electric Light. A duly qualified Surgeon is also carried.

Steamers have superior accommodation for First-class Passengers, and are fitted throughout with Electric Light.

Taking Cargo on through Bills of Lading to Yangtze Ports, Glaico, Tientsin & Newchwan.

Taking Cargo on through Bills of Lading to Kudat, Lahad, Dati, Simporna, Tawau, Usukan, Jesselton and Labuan.

For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE MATHESON & CO., LTD., General Managers, Telephone No. 215, Hongkong, 16th May, 1910.

## CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

SAILINGS SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
HONGKONG	CHIHLI	19th May, Noon.
SAIGON	YUOHOW	19th " Noon.
SHANGHAI	ANHUI	19th " 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	CHINHUA	20th " Daylight.
CHEFOO & TIENTSIN	KUEIHOW	20th " Daylight.
MANILA	TEAN	21st " 3 P.M.
SHANGHAI	CHENAN	26th " 4 P.M.
MANILA, ZAMBOANGA & AUSTRALIA	CHANGSHA	26th " 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI	LINAF	29th " Daylight.

Reduced Saloon Fares, single and return, to Manila and Australian Ports.

DIRECT SAILING TO WEST RIVER. Twice Weekly.

S.S. "LINTAN" and S.S. "SANJU."

AUSTRALIAN STEAMERS have superior accommodation with Electric Light throughout and Electric Fans in Staterooms. A duly qualified Doctor is carried. REDUCED FARES. Cargo booked through for all Australian, New Zealand and Tasmanian Ports.

MANILA TWIN-SCREW STEAMERS and TIENTSIN STEAMERS have superior accommodation with Electric Light throughout and Electric Fans in Staterooms and Dining Saloon.

SHANGHAI LINE.

FAST SCHEDULE TWIN-SCREW STEAMERS (*Anhui*, *Chenan*, *Linan*, *Chinhua*), with excellent passenger accommodation, Electric Light throughout and Electric Fans in the Staterooms and Dining Saloon, leave Hongkong for Shanghai direct every Thursday and Sunday, taking cargo on through Bills of Lading to all Yangtze and Northern China Ports.

N.B.—Passengers must embark before midnight on Saturday for the Sunday morning sailing. A Company's launch leaves Midway Pier at 10 o'clock every Saturday night.

These steamers land passengers in Shanghai, avoiding the inconvenience of transhipment at Woosung.

Fares—\$45 single, \$80 return.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWINE, AGENTS.

Telephone No. 15, Hongkong, 17th May, 1910.

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## HONGKONG—MANILA.

## CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

Steamship	Tons	Captain	For	Sailing Dates
CAFIRO	1540	R. Rodger	MANILA	SATURDAY, 23rd May, at Noon;
RUBI	1540	A. Fraser	"	SATURDAY, 28th May, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

SHewan Tomes & CO., GENERAL MANAGERS.

Hongkong, 16th May, 1910.

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## Shipping—Steamers.

## OSAKA SHOSÉN KAISHA.



REGULAR SERVICES, PROPOSED, SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

(Subject to Alteration.)

## TRANS-PACIFIC SERVICE,

Connecting at TAOIMA, with

THE CHICAGO, MILWAUKEE AND PUGET SOUND RAILWAY,

AND

THE CHICAGO, MILWAUKEE AND ST. PAUL RAILWAY,

AND

(The only direct train service without transhipment, also shortest and fastest route from the Pacific Coast to CHICAGO). Taking Cargo on through Bills of Lading to all Overland Common Points in the U.S.A. and Canada, also to the principal Ports in Mexico, Central and South America.

For	Steamers	G. weight	Leaves
TAOMA V. KEELUNG, MOJI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA	"CHICAGO MARU" Capt. I. Goto	6,182 tons	WED'DAY, 18th May, at Noon.
Do.	"TACOMA MARU" Capt. H. Yamamoto	6,178	WED'DAY, 18th June, at Noon.

The Co.'s newly built steamers have fair speed. Superior accommodation for steerage passengers situated AMIDSHIP. A limited number of Cabin passengers carried at low rates. Best adapted rooms for carrying Silk, Treasure and Parcels. Special attention given towards

Expedite connection.

## HONGKONG, SOUTH CHINA COAST, PORTS &amp; FORMOSA SERVICE,

For	Steamers	Leaves
SHANGHAI via SWATOW, AMOY and FODOHOW	"CHOSHUN MARU" Capt. T. Suroga	THURSDAY, 19th May, at 8 A.M.
TAMSUI v. SWATOW & AMOY	"DAIGI MARU" Capt. H. Muruyama	SUNDAY, 22nd May, at 10 A.M.
ANPING via SWATOW and AMOY	"SOSHU MARU" Capt. Y. Yamamoto	WEDNESDAY, 25th May, at 10 A.M.

Fair speed. Superior passenger accommodation. Electric light throughout. First class cabin.

The newly built steamers: "CHOSHUN MARU" and "BUJUN MARU"—First class cabin AMIDSHIP.

For information of Freight, Passages, Sailing, etc., apply at the Co.'s Local Branch Office at Second Floor, No. 1, Queen's Building.

T. ARIMA, Manager.

Hongkong, 17th May, 1910.

## Shipping—Steamers.

## THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.



STEAM

FOR

STRaits, Ceylon, Australia, India, Aden, Egypt, Mediterranean Ports, Plymouth and London.

(Through Bills of Lading issued for BATAVIA, PERSIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL, AMERICA and SOUTH AFRICAN PORTS.)

## THE Steamship

"DEVANHA"

Captain H. Powell, carrying His Majesty's Mail, will be despatched from this for BOMBAY, &c., on SATURDAY, the 18th May, 1910, at Noon, taking Passengers and Cargo for the above Ports in connection with the Company's S.S. *China*, 7,912 tons, from Colombo, Passengers' accommodation in which vessel is secured before departure from Hongkong.

Silk and Valuables, all Cargo for France

and Tea for London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo, later the Mail steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London, other Cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed via Bombay by the R.M.S. *Himalaya*, due in London on 10th July, 1910.

Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 P.M. the day before sailing. The Contents and Value of all Packages are required.

For further Particulars, apply to

E. A. HEWETT,

Superintendent,

Hongkong, 13th May, 1910.

## Shipping—Steamer.

FOR SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship "SIMLA" will leave for SHANGHAI, on THURSDAY, the 19th instant, at 10 A.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

E. A. HEWETT,

Superintendent,

Hongkong, 16th May, 1910.

## Consignees

"BEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNNEES.

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## RUBBER ESTATE RETURNS.

	Mat.	April	Total
Allagar	2,050	3,410	6,360
Alma	600	600	
Augo Malay	53,67	48,839	101,30
Ayer Molek	1,344		
Ayer Kuning	200		
Balgowrie	9,028	8,673	33,094
Bioteng	1,404	1,351	5,410
Batu Caves	13,014		29,385
Batu Tiga	6,300		16,857
Bertam	9,588		32,088
Bukit Kajang	2,403	3,251	8,937
Bukit Rajah	41,687		115,373
Bukit Liang	2,858	3,000	10,350
Bikam	6,930	(for six months)	
Carey United	8,000		19,550
Castlefield	2,800		8,812
Changkat Serdang	3,787	3,003	9,196
Cicely	9,625		28,181
Consolidated Malay	24,112		65,183
Caledonia	16,000		50,708
Damansara	10,854		54,574
Edinburgh	5,800		10,450
Federated (S'gor)	10,473		30,266
F.M.S. Rubber	24,450		64,489
Gedong	1,300		24,000
Gibson	1,663		3,553
Glenbield	2,172		5,744
Golden Hope	6,101	6,36	19,073
Golconde	12,218		33,737
Harpenden	5,103		14,645
Hoch & Lowlands	47,273	42,265	173,438
Jack Kenneth	13,182		37,463
Kapar Paru			16,465
Kamuning	6,322	6,793	24,634
Kempsey	7,004	2,043	9,195
Kepong	2,000		5,359
Kuala Klang	1,032		
Kuala Kub. Est.	2,091		5,773
Kuala Lumpur	41,000		13,133
Lobi	16,112	14,740	53,039
Leadon	27,717	19,8.8	6,7640
Ledbury	8,352	8,134	32,834
Lingga	6,350	10,00	33,350
London Asiatic	9,851	9,374	35,892
Malacca Plant	27,000		81,001
Meribas	1,788		1,788
North Huntlock	5,017		
Nova Scotia	6,000		16,050
Ujung	2,000	2,400	6,650
Patahing	31,688	8,144	97,244
Pegoh	3,114		7,885
Perak Plant	8,850		28,112
Port Dickson	611		1,676
Ribu Rubber	4,346		13,710
Rubas	11,000		33,240
Sengat	5,169		14,437
Selasa	4,123	1,025	14,948
Sungai Choh	3,150	3,100	11,850
Sungai Kapar	10,000		53,000
Sandycroft	6,280	5,003	27,635
Selangor	33,118		28,937
Seremban	37,542	31,445	110,182
Senawang	5,130	4,195	13,504
Shelford	8,100		15,700
Spore & Johore	8,117	8,156	30,025
Singapore Para	4,200	5,3	18,800
Straits Rubber			
Suwej Sh'ak	1,805		4,271
Tali Ayer	11,300		31,500
Trafalgar	370		270
Trong	1,084		3,160
United Singapore	1,084	1,300	3,400
Vallambigas			

From the end of February all totals are calculated for the calendar year instead of the financial year, which differs with many companies. Managers of Estates, returns for which in above list are incomplete, will help to make the list more useful if they will kindly fill in the gaps.—*Sin-Asia Free Press*

## COMMERCIAL.

## TO-DAY'S EXCHANGE.

Selling.

Per Korat, from Bangkok—Mr. Dodge and 3 Chinese.  
Per Shimphen, from Saigon—Messrs. Lewis and Daftun.  
Per Daulichak from London, &c.—Mrs. Brewes, Messrs. Dawson and Chudl Chup.  
Per Zafiro, from Manila—Mr. H. Percy Smith, Mrs. S. H. Harvey, Messrs. J. M. Sibdrom, J. W. Meyers, Ossorio, J. K. Arnold, S. Benito, Lt. J. J. Knox, Mrs. A. Stickney, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Moloney, Messrs. MacPenney, F. A. Struckmann, P. A. Prentiss, L. E. Holder, J. S. Lopera, F. A. Bromfield, F. D'Almeida, J. Belger, Mrs. F. M. Schroeder, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Dillson, Mr. and Mrs. F. Guasau, and 2 children, A. Dayaran and 8 Chinese.  
Per Bileu, for Hongkong from Yokohama—Mr. H. Bayar, from Kobe—Messrs. Hong Sot Pon, Khata and Chan Chin Lo, from Nagasaki—Mr. C. Hove, and Mrs. Wakil Ho, from Shanghai—Messrs. Chum Y. Lum, E. Radson G. Meyer, Capt. and Mrs. Crackow, Mr. Z. K. Kimerman, Mr. and Mrs. Stabb, Mr. T. Woran, Mrs. Kinsella, Mr. and Mrs. Welsh, Mrs. Lucas, Messrs. Schonke, Bridgeman, Mrs. O'oley and child, Capt. John McReddie and Mr. Wak Sun Chuen.

Per Nov, for Hongkong—Messrs. N. K. Davidson and T. Mc Cleane, from Yokohama for London—Mr. and Mrs. Beeby, Master G. C. Murray and am, Mr. V. Price, Misses D. V. Price, E. Price, Messrs. A. R. Wilson and E. C. Jeffery, for Marelles—Messrs. T. Harrington and Faul, from Kobe for London—Mr. J. Eller, and Mr. and Miss Clark, from Shanghai—Mr. J. Leverle, Mrs. Vaughan, infant and am, Messrs. MacLellan's, a child and am, Mr. G. George, H. W. Booker, Mrs. Leach, Mrs. Hamper and child, Messrs. R. Page and T. M. Lake, for Marelles—Mr. and Mrs. McClintock, and Mr. R. Knox, for London—Mrs. T. C. Clark.

Per Calesa, from San Francisco—Mr. O. P. Ankerson, Miss E. C. Ankerson, Mr. Oscar Beles, Mrs. P. B. Cossin, Mrs. T. D. D. Slag, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Gibson, Mr. A. Gibson, Mrs. J. D. Gould, Master Payne Gould, Mr. W. A. Hall, Miss Helen Hall, G. W. Hutchinson, Mrs. M. F. Kelsey, Messrs. F. C. Krol, L. M. Tom, S. Campbell, E. Dorn, L. R. Horton, Messrs. E. Huber, H. Gibson, Jones, H. Wilson, C. G. Waite, Con.—Gen. Hsu Pao Chi and native servant, Miss Hsu Pao Chi, Miss Hsu Yoke King, Miss Hsu Fong She, Mr. F. Zau, Mrs. J. L. Lambert and infant, Mr. L. F. B. Levy, Mrs. R. Levy, Mrs. Louise Luck, Messrs. D. G. McNaughton, P. A. McNaughton, M. E. Mitchell, Mrs. W. E. O. Connel and infant, Misses Gertrude Robison, M. O. Stevens, Messrs. W.

## SHIPPING AND MAILS

## MAILS DUE.

German (Prins Edel) 18th inst.

Indian (Kumsang) 19th inst.

French (Yarra) 23rd inst.

German (Prins Sjostrom) 29th inst.

American (Asia) 7th prox.

The s.s. Glenloch left Singapore on 14th inst, and is due here on 20th inst, at noon.

The L. C. S. N. Co.'s s.s. Kumang from Calcutta and the Straits left Singapore for this port on 13th inst.

The cargo of silk s.s. Polyamia, which left this port on 1st ult., was delivered on Lyons on 13th inst.

The C. P. R. Co.'s s.s. Empress of China, which left here on 23rd ult., arrived at Vancouver on 14th inst., at 8 p.m.

The M. C. Co.'s s.s. Yarra, with the French Mail of the 24th ult., and mails, from London of the 23rd ult., left Singapore on 16th inst., at 4 p.m., and is expected to arrive here on 23rd inst., a.m., and will probably leave for Shanghai and Japan on the same afternoon.

## Shipping.

Shing Shun, 1 hi. ss., 8,000 Markussen, 16th May—Saigon 12th May Rice—Den Ting Kee.

Zafiro, Br. ss., 1,618, R. Rodges, 16th May—Manila 14th Sugar, Hemp and Gen.—S. T. &amp; Co.

Kusichow, Br. ss., 1,615, Hooker, 16th May—Tientsin 10th May Gen.—B. &amp; S.

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## SHARE QUOTATIONS.

Supplied by Messrs. E. S. KADOURIN &amp; CO. Corrected to noon; later alterations given under "Commercial Intelligence," page 5.

STOCKS.	NO. OF SHARES.	VALUE.	PAID UP.	POSITION AS PER LAST REPORT		LAST DIVIDEND.	APPROXIMATE RETURN AT PRESENT QUOTATION FOR THE LAST YEAR'S DIV.	CLOSING QUOTATIONS.
				RESERVE.	AT WORKING ACCOUNT			
<b>BANKS.</b>								
Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation	130,000	\$125	\$125	\$1,500,000 \$15,000,000 \$15,000,000	\$2,028,918	£2.5/- for half year ending 31.12.09 @ ex 1/91 = \$15.11	4 1/2 %	Sellers London £9/-
National Bank of China, Limited	99,925	47	46	\$4,000 \$80,000	\$10,552	\$2 (London 1/6) for 1909	...	\$76 buyers
<b>MARINE INSURANCES.</b>								
Canton Insurance Office, Limited	10,000	\$250	\$50	\$1,560,000 \$154,583 \$82,791 \$18,000	none	5/- for 1908	6 %	177 1/2 buyers
North China Insurance Company, Limited	10,000	15	15	Tls. 225,000 Tls. 125,000 Tls. 140,180	Tls. 207,573	Final of 7/6 making 15/- for 1908	5 %	Tls. 110
Union Insurance Society of Canton Limited	22,400	\$250	\$100	\$100,000 \$103,448 \$105,249 \$7,3985	\$187,984	Final of \$10 per share, making in all \$10 per share for 1908 and an interim dividend of \$10 per share for 1909	6 %	\$340 sellers
Yangtze Insurance Association, Limited	12,000	\$100	\$60	\$1,000,000 \$104,405 \$109,264	\$77,637	\$12 and bonus \$3 for 1907	7 %	\$200
<b>FIRE.</b>								
China Fire Insurance Company	30,000	\$100	\$10	\$1,000,000 \$550,341 161,163	\$4 8.4 6	\$6 and bonus \$4 for 19.8	7 %	\$113 buyers
Hongkong Fire Insurance Company, Limited	8,000	\$250	\$50	\$1,400,000	\$21,218	\$27 for 19.8	8 %	\$345 buyers
<b>SHIPPING.</b>								
China and Manila Steamship Company, Limited	30,000	\$25	\$25	\$157,743 \$250,000 \$100,29	Dr. \$3772	\$1/- for 1906	...	\$8 sellers
Douglas Steamship Company, Limited	20,000	\$50	\$50	\$250,000 \$100,29	nil	1/- for year ending 30.6.1908	...	\$33 sellers
Hongkong, Canton & Macao Steamship Co., Ltd	80,000	\$15	\$15	\$167,500 \$103,545 \$19,100	\$10,766	Final of \$1/- for account 1910	8 %	\$30 sellers
Tsingtao China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd. (Preferred)	60,000	15	15	\$10,000 \$140,000	Tls. 17,755	6/- for 1907 on Preference shares only @ ex 1/91 = \$3, 154	...	\$71 buyers
Do. (Deferred)	60,000	15	15	\$10,000 \$140,000	192,994	3rd. ln. of 1/- per share (coup. No. 12) making in all 4/- & interim of 1/- for ac. 09	5 %	97 1/2 buyers
"Shell" Transport and Trading Company, Limited	3,000,000	41	41	\$100,000 \$65,000 \$40,980	\$1,231	\$1/- for year ending 10.4. 1909 \$0.50/- for 1908	4 %	\$26
"Star" Ferry Company, Limited	10,000	\$10	\$10	\$5	...	...	3 1/2 %	\$14
<b>REFINERIES.</b>								
China Sugar Refining Company, Limited	20,000	\$100	\$100	\$1,200,000 \$83,680	Dr. \$7,090	\$10 per share for 1909	5 1/2 %	\$177 sellers
Lenox Sugar Refining Company, Limited	7,000	\$100	\$100	...	Dr. \$125,891	\$3 for 1897	...	\$28 sellers
Perak Sugar Cultivation Company, Limited	7,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	...	Tls. 6,102	Tls. 10, for year ending 31.3.09	...	Tls. 900 buyers
<b>MINING.</b>								
China Engineering and Mining Company, Ltd.	1,000,000	1	1	\$215,000 \$84,393 none	Dr. \$1,435	Final of 1/6 making 3/- for 1909 First year	9 %	Tls. 18 Ps. 10 buyers
Headwaters Mining Company	60,000	Ps. 10	Ps. 10	...	Dr. \$1,291	\$1 per share 13th dividend	5 %	\$31 sellers
Raub Australian Gold Mining Company, Limited	150,000	41	18/10	...	...	...	...	...
DOCKS, WHARVES & GODOWNS.	50,000	1/1	1/1	...	...	...	...	...
Fawcett (Geo.) & Co., Limited	18,000	\$25	\$25	\$15,275	Dr. \$8,460	\$1.75 for year ending 31.12.06	...	\$10
Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd.	60,000	\$550	\$50	\$150,000 \$33,693	\$264,847	\$21 for 1909	4 1/2 %	\$581 buyers
Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company, Ltd.	50,000	\$50	\$50	\$150,000 \$38,442 \$221,000	\$132,705	Interim of \$1/- for account 1909	...	\$63 sellers
Shanghai Dock and Engineering Co., Ltd.	55,700	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	...	Tls. 6,261	Interim of Tls. 2/- for 1910	5 1/2 %	Tls. 77 buyers
Shanghai and Hongkong Wharf Company, Limited	30,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	...	Tls. 9,322	Final of Tls. 4 for 1909	7 %	Tls. 122 buyers
<b>LANDS, HOTELS &amp; BUILDINGS.</b>								
Anglo-French Land Investment Co., Ltd.	35,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 15,000 \$15 \$15	Tls. 4,314 \$24,647	Tls. 6 for year ending 20.2.09 \$1.20 on old and 60 cents on first new issue	5 1/2 %	Tls. 102 sellers
Central Stores, Limited	50,123	...	...	...	...	...	...	\$16 buyers
Hongkong Hotel Company, Limited	12,000	\$50	\$50	\$10,000 \$100,29	\$1,227	\$2.60 on old shares and 1.30 on new shares	2 %	\$101
Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd.	8,000	\$100	\$100	\$150,000 \$100,29	\$27,912	for half year ending 31.12.09	6 1/2 %	\$81
Humphreys Estate & Finance Company, Limited	150,000	\$10	\$10	\$20,045 \$25,850	\$5,472	Interim of \$1/- for account 1909	6 %	\$38
Kowloon Land and Building Company, Limited	6,000	\$50	\$30	none	\$269	45 cents for 1909	8 1/2 %	\$30 buyers
Shanghai Land Investment Company, Limited	70,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 1,521,045 Tls. 30,000,000 none	Tls. 63,969	Final of 6 % bonus Tls. 1 for 1909	6 1/2 %	Tls. 112
West Point Building Company, Limited	12,500	\$50	\$50	...	\$1,958	Final of \$1.83 for account 1909	8 1/2 %	\$40 sellers
<b>COTTON MILLS.</b>								
Two Cotton Spinning and Weaving Company, Ltd.	20,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 5	Tls. 250,000 Tls. 40,068	Tls. 10,991	Tls. 11 for year ending 31.10.09 50 cents for year ending 31.7.08	8 1/2 %	Tls. 137 \$47 sellers
Hongkong Cotton Spinning, Weaving and Dyeing Company, Limited	125,000	\$10	\$1	...	\$9,553	...	8 %	...
International Cotton Manufacturing Company, Ltd.	10,000	Tls. 75	Tls. 75	Tls. 175,000 none	Tls. 8,872	Tls. 7 for year ending 30.9.09	12 %	Tls. 62
Laou-kung-now Cotton Spinning & Weaving Co., Ltd.	8,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 14	Tls. 100,000 Tls. 51,752	Tls. 6,482	Tls. 6 for 1909	7 %	Tls. 74
Sey Chee Cotton Spinning Company, Limited	2,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 50	...	Tls. 25,172	Tls. 25 for 1909	10 %	Tls. 250
<b>MISCELLANEOUS.</b>								
Bell's Asbestos Eastern Agency, Limited	8,604	12/6	12/6	\$1,500 \$40,000	\$6,648	15 % per share for 1908	6 %	\$10 buyers
China-Borneo Company, Limited	60,000	\$15	\$12	...	Nil	60 cents for 1909	...	\$11 sellers
China Light and Power Company, Limited	50,000	\$10	\$10	...	...	60 cents for 1908	2 %	\$2 sellers
Do. Do. special shares	30,000	\$10	\$10	...	...	60 cents for year ended 29.2.06	6 1/2 %	\$28 ss. & b.
China Provident Loan & Mortgage Company, Ltd.	125,000	\$10	\$10	...	...	80 cents for 1909	9 %	...
Dairy Farm Company, Limited	40,000	\$7	\$6	...	...	\$1.10 for year ending 31.7.09	6 1/2 %	\$19 buyers
Green Island Cement Company, Limited	400,000	\$10	\$10	\$1,000,000 \$1,000,000	\$4,290	Final of 40 cents making 10/- 75 cents per share for 1909	10 %	\$74 sellers
H. Price & Company, Limited	15,000	\$10	\$10	...	\$670	80 cents for year ending 31.12.08	6 1/2 %	\$12 buyers
Hongkong Electric Company, Limited	60,000	\$10	\$1	none	\$11,798	A dividend of \$1.20 per share and a bonus of 10 cents	6 %	\$160 sellers
Hongkong Ice Company, Limited	5,000	\$25	\$25	\$150,000 \$7,616	\$7,616	Final of \$8 for 1909	6 1/2 %	\$141 sellers
Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company, Ltd.	60,000	\$10	\$10	\$170,000 \$9,176	\$9,176	Final of \$1 making in all \$2 for 1910	9 %	Tls. 1,375
Maastrichtsche tot Mijns, Bosch- en Landbouwexploitatie in Langkat, Limited	25,000	Rs. 100	Rs. 100	Tls. 547,500 Tls. 61,024	Tls. 316,682	4th interim of Tls. 12/- for 1909	5 %	...
Peak Tramways Company, Limited	25,000	\$10	\$10	...	...	80 cents on fully paid shares and 8 cents on 1/- paid shares for year ending 30.4.09	5 1/2 %	\$160 buyers
Peak Tramways Company (new)	50,000	\$10	\$10	...	...	...	5 %	\$160 buyers
Philippine Company, Limited	75,000	\$10	\$20	...	...	...	...	\$160 buyers
Shanghai Sunmaita Tobacco Company, Limited	30,000	Tls. 20	Tls. 20	Tls. 14,810 Tls. 75,000	Tls. 5,250	Final Tls. 5 making Tls. 8 for 1908	2 %	Tls. 280
South China Morning Post, Limited	6,000	\$25	\$25	...	...	None	...	...
Steam Laundry Company, Limited	20,000	\$25	\$25	...	...	40 cents for year ending 31.5.09	8 %	\$25 buyers
Union Waterboat Company, Limited								